Conference 2015

WE ARE SOLD OUT!

Registration is now closed.

The **Toronto Agile Community** presents the 7th Annual Agile Conference (formerly called **Agile Tour Toronto**) being held at the Hilton Toronto on **Tuesday, October 20th**. This popular conference has sold out each year, providing attendees and sponsors with numerous opportunities to benefit from this lively, informative and interactive event.

The theme of this year's conference is **The Agile Workplace**.

Through a decade of "uncovering better ways of developing software" it is clear that the core of Agile success is through "Individuals & Interactions". We now see that Agile is part of a larger movement to increase engagement through people who love what they do and where they work. We need to come back to the roots of passionate productive people to get the results we hope for."

Keynote - "Culture for Great Teams and Results" - Richard Kasperowski

Your team can be ten times better.

What does that mean? That means your professional team can accomplish 10x more work, do it with 10x more quality, 10x faster, or with 10x less resources. Your family can be 10x happier. Your school can be 10x more effective at helping people learn. Your community group can be 10x better at making life better for the people it serves. Even you yourself can be 10x more effective at getting what you want.

In other words, you can be **great**. Your team can be **great**.

Greatness

Can you say these things about your teams?

- My projects are completed effortlessly on schedule and in budget every time.
- Every team I've ever been on has shared a vision.
- In meetings, we only ever do what will get results.
- No one blames "management," or anyone else, if they don't get what they want.
- Everybody shares their best ideas right away.
- Ideas are immediately unanimously approved, improved, or rejected by the team.
- Action on approved ideas begins immediately.
- Conflict is always resolved swiftly and productively.

The Core Protocols are one way to make teams that have these characteristics.

Richard Kasperowski is a signatory of the Manifesto for Greatness and cofounder of the Greatness Guild. He works as an Agile trainer and coach, Open Space facilitator, Core Protocols trainer and coach, and he volunteers as a CoderDojo mentor. Richard is the author of The Core Protocols: A Guide to Greatness. Follow him on Twitter at @rkasper, read more about him at www.kasperowski.com, and email him at richard@kasperowski.com.

Closing Address - "Transform Your Workplace Culture and Experience a Chain Reaction" - John Stix

We are very pleased to announce this year's conference will feature a closing address. The address will be by John Stix, president and co-founder of Fibernetics. John is passionate about culture in companies and what makes a great company become incredible. He encourages everyone he meets to dare to be authentic. John believes people should be real in all aspects of life and has seen first-hand the powerful impact an authentic person has on employees, colleagues, friends and family.

John knows from personal experience that people who are fully aligned with themselves and their mission have an enormously positive effect on each person they come in contact with. Even though they don't pretend to be perfect!

By attending this session you'll discover

- The power of gratitude
- The high cost of inauthenticity
- The rewards of a courageously authentic life
- Why a greater degree of acceptance of self and others makes all the difference

John Stix is an entrepreneur in both telecommunications and marketing has seen him take start-ups to enterprise level organizations. In 2014 John turned his focus to corporate culture and created and deployed his "I'm in!" culture initiative. John's success at instilling the "I'm in!" culture in Fibernetics has motivated him to bring it to other organizations. As a public speaker, he is working with companies and organizations both large and small focusing on increasing workplace happiness and employee engagement through improved culture. John mentors entrepreneurs with both Fibernetics Ventures and Communitech, helping guide the next generation of business leaders to bring world changing products and services to market. www.johnstix.ca

Program

The conference will feature seven concurrent interactive sessions and plenty of opportunities to network. Whether you are new to Agile or have a lot of experience, this conference promises to deliver value to all levels of expertise.

For business audiences, you will gain key insights and learning on the practical implementation of Agile methodologies within companies. For practitioners, you'll find out about the latest developments, tools and methodologies.

Check out this year's program and list of speakers.

Location

This year we are proud to host the event at the same location as last year - the Hilton Toronto. Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, the venue is in close proximity to TTC, GO Transit and parking.

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